



**H.Res. 736 – Honoring the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the aeronautics research accomplishments embodied in ‘the breaking of the sound barrier’**

**FLOOR SITUATION**

H.Res. 736 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA) on October 12, 2007. It was referred to the Committee on Science and Technology, but was not considered.

H.Res. 736 is expected to be considered on the floor on October 16, 2007.

**BACKGROUND**

On October 14, 1947, Captain Charles “Chuck” Yeager broke the sound barrier in a X-1 aircraft that had been dropped from a B-29 carrier aircraft. This was the first time in history that supersonic flight was achieved.

The X-1 aircraft was developed by the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA), now known as the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the U.S. Air Force, and Bell Aircraft.

**SUMMARY**

H.Res. 736 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Recognizes and honors the contributions of the scientists and engineers of NACA and its partners who pioneered the technologies to enable supersonic flight;
- Recognizes and honors the bravery of Charles Yeager, and the bravery of the many other test pilots who, sometimes at the cost of their lives, enabled the aeronautics developments that made that first supersonic flight possible; and
- Recognizes the importance of strong and robust aeronautics research activities to the well being of America.

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